



**South Aiken Presbyterian Church**  
**1711 Whiskey Rd.**  
**Aiken, SC 29803**

# Welcome!

Welcome to God-Encountered worship at South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are thankful that you have been called to worship with us this morning. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe all people are loved with a love that has no end in Jesus Christ.

Today, may you encounter Jesus Christ through Spirit-inspired worship including dynamic preaching, specific prayers, and beautiful music. May the blessings of the triune God give you joy and hope that can only come from God with us. Let us worship God!

**Please join us today for Connection Sunday following the worship service in the courtyard (we will use the Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather)! This year the Christian Education team will be collaborating with Mission and Membership to provide opportunities for you to connect with the missions/ministries our church supports. Learn how these missions serve our community and world and how our church works with them to carry out our mission of "Opening Doors to Serve Christ".**

## Our Church at Work

A Special Thank you was received from the family of Jean Weeks, thanking the Bereavement Team for the reception in honor of their mother. The family said "You wouldn't believe what a tremendous difference the receptions mean to the families. Your efforts made the whole church proud. So, thank you very much for a tremendous honor to Mom's memory and her love of the South Aiken Presbyterian Church."

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday after Epiphany/  
Connection Sunday

10:00 am

(Please stand, if able, when indicated by an \*)

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Michelle Green (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

**The Chiming** (*Handbell is rung three times, for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*)

**Introit**

**“Praise God for This Holy Ground”**

**John L. Bell**

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 71: 15-19*) (*Responsively*):

One: Our mouths will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past our knowledge.

**ALL: We will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; we will praise your righteousness, yours alone.**

One: O God, from our youth you have taught us, and we still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**ALL: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake us, until we proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

One: Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.

**ALL: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?**

**\*Hymn #837**

**“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*): **Gracious God, we come confessing those words, thoughts and actions that are not aligned with your witness to hope, love and peace. We offer behaviors and thoughts that are not faithful to your covenant made in our baptism. Renew us, O Lord, by your power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ.**

*(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)*

PA: Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (*Responsively*):

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**ALL: We declare God’s promises, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,

**ALL: And by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**

PA (*Responsively*): As you see and hear the water being poured into the font, let us remember to do God's justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**The Font** (*Water is poured as a visual sign of the washing away of sin and the bonding to Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.*)

**\*Responsive Hymn #581**

***“Glory Be to the Father”***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace**

PA: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.** (*share fist bumps, high fives, hugs, and other signs of forgiveness and peace to each other.*)

## **ENCOUNTERING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Children's Moment**

**Michelle Lorio**

**Anthem**

***“Simple Praise”***

**Craig Courtney  
and Pamela Martin**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lessons** (*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE*):

**Old Testament Lesson:** **Micah 6: 1-8** (*page 866 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)  
(*fill-in the blanks on page 7*)

**Epistle Lesson:** **2 Corinthians 4: 16-18** (*page 181 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

**New Testament Lesson:** **Revelations 21: 1-4** (*page 259 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

One: Hear what the Spirit of God says to the Church!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

***“1,440”***

**Rev. Jason Hammersley**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*):

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayer of Intercession** (*prayers for the Church, the world, the nation, the community and our loved ones.*)

**Minute for Mission**

**Offering of Gifts**

\*Doxology: Hymn #606 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures  
here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*with the Lord's Prayer*):

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD WITH THE GOOD NEWS**

**\*Hymn #306**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** (*stanzas 1-3, 5*)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude:**

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

## **Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As Pastor Jason reads Micah 6: 1-8, fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

### God Challenges Israel

<sup>6</sup> Hear what the LORD says: Rise, \_\_\_\_\_ your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you \_\_\_\_\_, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, for the LORD has a \_\_\_\_\_ with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I \_\_\_\_\_ to you? In what have I \_\_\_\_\_ you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and \_\_\_\_\_ you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, \_\_\_\_\_ now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from \_\_\_\_\_ to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

### What God Requires

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD and \_\_\_\_\_ myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt \_\_\_\_\_, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of \_\_\_\_\_? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the \_\_\_\_\_ of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do \_\_\_\_\_ and to love kindness and to walk \_\_\_\_\_ with your God?

Online donations available on our website, or by scanning the QR code here.



## Registration for “Kids First” Training

February 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00  
In the Church Library

We train our volunteers to protect the children and the adults who work with them. The purpose of “Kids First” policy is to create an environment and a document that demonstrates our commitment to the physical, emotional safety, and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults. In order to help ensure the continued safety and health of the church for the ministries of youth and children, “Kids First!” implements some simple guidelines and procedures that effectively reduce the risk of all forms of abuse or neglect including the risk of sexual misconduct in the church.



### Help the Salvation Army!



Donate sweat pants, T-shirts, and underwear for men and women.

*Please drop donations off at 322 Gayle Ave.*

### Calling all Knitters and Crocheters!

Our prayer Shawl Ministry started back up on January 12th after taking the holidays off.

We are meeting every second and fourth Thursday in the library at 1:30 pm. Besides shawls, we also make lap afghans, hats, baby blankets, etc.

*If you don't know how to knit or crochet but want to learn, we would love to teach you!* We have both knitting needles and crochet hooks donated to us as well as *LOTS* of yarn and patterns, *so just come!* If you have questions, please contact Mary Bunch at (803) 270-5599.

**Notice of date/time change** for the weekly **Ukulele Fellowship**. This fellowship will now be held on **Mondays at 9:30 in the Music Room beginning Monday, January 30th.**

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer is a powerful force for those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and encouragement. It is often as much of a blessing for those offering the prayers. If you have a prayer request during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm) please contact the church office at 648-9574 or at [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org). After office hours please contact Emily Lockard at 649-0473 or at [emilybim@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilybim@bellsouth.net).

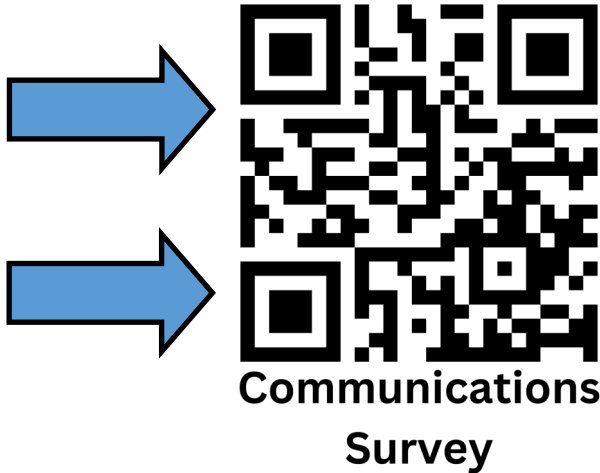
### Has your Address Changed?

If so, we kindly ask that you provide us with your updated address and/or phone number so that we can update our Church records. Thank you



Please complete the

**Communications Survey** to help us understand how best to get information to you! Scan the QR code, or go to [shorturl.at/KPT59](https://shorturl.at/KPT59). The link to the survey is also available



**Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Jim & Mary Bunch in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary**

Reserve your date by visiting the new "Sanctuary Flowers" web page found under the Worship menu tab, or call the Secretary's office at 803-648-9574.

## GriefShare Grief Support Ministry



### ***What is GriefShare?***

*A weekly faith-based support group for those grieving the death of a loved one.*

### ***Where does it take place?***

*GriefShare meets in the SAPC Library (in the hallway behind the sanctuary).*

### ***When does it take place?***

*Each Monday from 5:30-7:30 PM.*

### ***When can I join?***

*The current sessions of GriefShare began on January 2, 2023.*

### ***Do I have to be a member of SAPC to participate?***

*No, all those who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome.*

### ***Where can I find more information about GriefShare?***

*Visit the GriefShare website at [griefshare.org](https://griefshare.org).*

***NOTE: Additional weekly Daytime (1pm) Sessions began January 23rd and will go thru March 27th in the SAPC Library.***

## January Collection

(Mac & Cheese)



ACTS collection baskets are located in the narthex by the church entrance and across from the church office. Monetary donations may be made by placing a check made out to SAPC in the offering plate and noting 'ACTS' on the memo line. Thanks for sharing with others!

## YOUNG AT HEARTS UPCOMING OUTING Feb. 9th - 5:30 PM

We will leave for Ole McDonald's Fish Camp for good food and fellowship. Cost is \$5.00 per person to ride the bus plus the cost of your meal. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall. **Deadline is February 5th.**



## Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

This young ladies small group had their January meeting at Mi Pueblo. They are studying the Bad Girls of the Bible. This month they learned about Eve and how to be bold and courageous but not blame others for our decisions. Next month they will be studying Lot's wife. The upcoming meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 8th at 5:30** at the **Wild Wings Cafe**. Hope to see you there!

## Registration for Upcoming Kindergarten classes

South Aiken Presbyterian Kindergarten registration for the 2023/2024 school year opens to current families and members of the SAPC Congregation on Monday, **January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

We will open our registration to the **public** on **February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m**. Placement is on a first come, first serve basis until enrollment is full. Please contact Michelle Lorio (803)-648-9895 or [sapkindergarten@gmail.com](mailto:sapkindergarten@gmail.com) with questions or to request a registration form.



## Prayer Requests

**Bill S.** - for healing from surgery

**Weeks Family** - for comfort

**Parnell Family** - in a season of grief

**Baker Family** - in season of grief.

**McCrum & Bielnell Family** - in season of grief

**Bob R.** recovering from open heart surgery

**Kari & Roger M.** for health concerns.

**Mary Louise S.** (Mary S.'s granddaughter) for health concerns.

**Leslie C.** for health concerns.

**Doug M.** (Linda B.'s nephew) for healing and comfort.

**Kelli W.** in her season of grief.

**Peg M.** (sister of Kit M.) successful surgery.

**Ray P.** (cousin of Sarah Scott) for healing and strength

**Lynn S.** - for comfort and wisdom after recent diagnosis.

**Scott Family** - in season of grief.

**Dot M.** - for comfort.

**Gail** (friend of Kitt M.) for healing as her treatments have changed.

**Joyce & Jeff** (Jayne B.'s best friends) mourning the loss of their son, Patrick.

**Ethel H., Steve H.**'s mother for relief from pain.

**Steve & Linda H.** for comfort.

**Bob A.,** for comfort and strength

**Georgia L.** for healing.

**Glady C.** for healing.

**Ron D.** (Cyndy D's brother-in-law) for healing.

**Phil L.** for resolution of health issues.

**Lois V.,** sister of Lyn V., for continuing improvement.

**Peg P.** for comfort.

**The Linda E. Family** for continued healing.

**Jim and Shirley S.** for healing.

**Richard E.** as he receives treatment.

**Jayne B.** confronting 2 health issues.

**Barbara K.** for healing.

**Anita & Bob P.** for healing.

**Homebound Members**

*Email [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to change information*

## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant** - Michelle Green

**Ushers:** Hank Hays, Bonnie Hays, Alice Kierspe,  
Sharon Feller

**Sound:** Bill Mitchell

**Video:** Sam Jacobs

## Volunteers Next Week

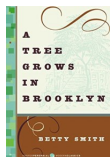
**Pulpit Assistant** - Lyn VanDervort

**Ushers:** Jenny Chase, Maureen Dunn, Donna Boik,  
Paul Ebel

**Sound:** Scott Martin/Larry Hinson

**Video:** Haley Culp

## The Chapter Chat Book Club



**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**  
by Betty Smith

**Thursday, February 2nd, at 2 pm.**

**Meet in the Church Library**

*Call Maureen Dunn at  
(803) 443-8681 for more info.*

## We are Offering Technology Support Classes!

**Saturday, February 4th**  
**10:00am**  
**SAPC Gym**

At this class, we will cover Google Drive and Google Forms. Get to know how to use technology to strengthen your connection with the church, and get help completing the Communications survey!

*Please RSVP to Carina McGee  
at (803) 629-1070,  
or [media@southaiken.org](mailto:media@southaiken.org)*

## SAPC THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 29th

9:00a - Connection Sunday  
9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conf. Rm)  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
1:00p - Jim & Mary Bunch Anniversary  
Celebration (Gym)

### Monday, January 30th

9:30a - Ukulele Fellowship (Music Room)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:00p - GriefShare (Library)  
4:15p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)  
5:30p - GriefShare (Library)

### Tuesday, January 31st

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
4:15p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)  
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)  
6:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)  
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts  
classroom)

### Wednesday, February 1st

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
4:15p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)  
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, February 2nd

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Chapter Chat Book Club  
3:30p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30p - Aiken Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

### Friday, February 3rd

5:30p - Caroline Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### Saturday, February 4th

9:00a - Technology Support Class #2 - The  
Google Drive & Google Forms (Gym)

### Sunday, February 5th

9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conf. Rm)  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Bethel Study (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00a - Kids First Training (Library)  
12:00a - Mission & Membership Committee  
*New Member Luncheon (Gym)*

## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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*Please turn off your phone during the service*

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Also with Instagram at: southaikenpc

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